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COCHISE COUNTY SHERIFF SEARCH AND RESCUE

This Month in Search and Rescue

July 2019

Special points of interest:

- 7.6.2019 Tech Carr Canyon
- 7.7.2019 K-9 training Fairbanks
- 7.7.2019 Search mission Kartchner Caverns
- 7.14.2019 k-9 Training Charleston Rd
- Rescue Cascabell area
- 7.20.2019 Medical 1st Aid
- 7.21.2019 Combined K-9 Training with Pima and Pinal Co at Empire Ranch
- 7.21.2019 Rescue Coronado Cave
- 7.27.2019 k-9 Hwy 90
- 7.28.2019 back to back rescue missions Ash Canyon and Barfoot

7.6.2019 Tech Training Carr Canyon

Quite a few people showed up for this technical rescue training. We used the creek by the bridge and "improvised" a swift water rescue. Tagline and Reeving High line. This was some awesome training since everyone was able to get their hands into the mix. Systems were explained and a constant conversion from haul to lower was possible, allowing for a lot of hands on time. With monsoon being just around the corner we never know if we have to utilize this system. So the hands on and practice should pay off.



7.7.2019 K-9 Training Fairbanks

Training is constant for our K-9 team . There is no rest for the weary. Train, train, train. The reliability of our dogs does depend on the training we give them. Intersection, transitions, distractions, obstacle, buildings, you name it, they have to work through it. Sophie is



working a transition problem from gravel to pavement and having to find the direction the subject took. She did an awesome job locating her target. Dietz worked a short area search problem in



which the target was walking away from him. His reaction gave the handler a different picture of what a dog will do, if the subject is not stationary and or waiting. We worked similar exercises with the trailing dogs and was a learning experience for all of us. "Why is the subject not standing still, or laying down." We have to incorporate a couple more of these exercise into our training regimen.

Odin worked several problems to in-

clude car searches. All did well and found the target odor.



Dr. Scuba Corner



July 2019

7-8.7.2019 Search & Rescue Kartchner Caverns

For some of us, this was a very long day and night. We started our day with K-9 training at Fairbanks at 0500 in the morning. This call came in at 1300 hours.

On Sunday July 7th at 1 pm SAR was called out for a lost hiker at Kartchner Caverns State Park. The 50 yr old male had left on a hike at 5:45 AM and began texting his wife at approximately 9 am reporting he was lost. She contacted Park Personnel who began a search for the man. After they could not locate him Cochise SAR was contacted. CCSO helicopter "Geronimo" responded and assisted with an aerial search. Cochise SAR team members began a ground search from information gathered from text messages the subject sent his wife. After dark AZDPS Air Rescue was requested to do a FLIR search and to pick up one of our ground teams that were on the top of a ridge line several miles from the command post. After picking up the team Ranger 1

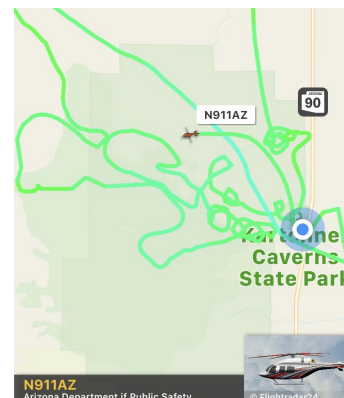
searched for the subject until early Monday morning without success. Further information from the subjects cell phone was obtained moving the search to the west side of the Whetstone Mountains. Pima County Sheriff's Office SAR were contacted to help along with the Cochise County Sheriff's Office Ranch Patrol to search an area south of I-10 on the Empire Ranch. 2 ground SAR teams were inserted by Ranger 1 in the area of the subjects cell phone last known position.

At approximately 11 am Monday and soon after the ground team had been inserted a CCSO Ranch Deputy heard the missing subject calling for help. The deputy made contact with him

and then walked him to a spot where Ranger 1 could land and pick him up. The subject was from to the Kartchner Caverns CP where he was turned over to medics and transported to the hospital in Benson treated for dehydration.

We thank all the agencies who assisted in this successful search.

Remember when you go hiking take plenty of water, proper clothing and supplies. If you get lost, stay put "Hud-A-Tree" and call 911.



Super Job

Good Morning,

On behalf of my office (the awesome men & women, specifically, our Search and Rescue Team!!), we are so glad we could locate you and keep you safe.

Thank you,

Sheriff Mark Dannels

From: Regina Carter
Sent: Tuesday, July 9, 2019 7:04 AM
To: Sheriff-Tips
Subject: Thank-you

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*
From: Regina and Jeffery Carter

I wanted to personally thank-you for rescuing me at Kartchner Caverns

God Bless Ya'all and your team. Ya'all are a true and blessed team thank-you so much Jeffrey Carter

Kartchner Continued



Geronimo conducting a water drop for team in the field.



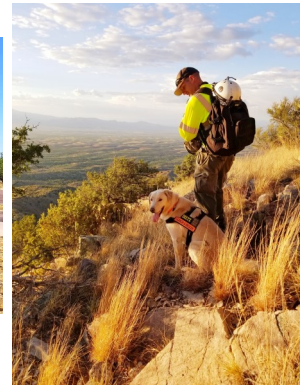
Dietz in Ranger I with a make shift muzzle. All dogs flying have to have a muzzle.



Waiting for their ride.



It's rough out there!



7.9.2019 Santa Cruz Assist

Finally closure for the family. A hiker, who was also lost, stumbled upon some hiking poles and a fanny pack, and it turned out the items belonged to Mr. Smallwood, who had gone missing in early February during a severe winter storm. The hiker's phone (GPS) went dead and he was unable to record the exact location of where he located the items. The

area was about one half mile from the telescope area. Santa Cruz asked for assistance with a cadaver K-9 and we deployed one of ours. The K-9 alerted above the location and then located several of the subjects remains

"If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself."

Henry Ford

7.14.2019 K9 Training Charleston Rd N Side

We have been starting our K-9 training days rather early, due to the high heat. This training was conducted. During this training we had a small group but "new subjects." Bruce did an awesome job finding his lost person, as well as Franzi, Odinn, Pink, and K-Oz worked HRD problems, and all



did well. Since our trail layers included some water crossings, we did get slightly wet. Overall, this was a training day with challenges and lot of learning.



Training Schedule

7.4.2019 Happy 4th of July

7.6.2019 Tech Training

7.7.2019 K-9 Fairbanks 0600

7.11.2019 Training and Meeting SEACOM

7.13.2019 K-9 Rifle Range (Gold Gulch Rd off Arizona Street outside Warren) 0600

7.20.2019 General Training Mock Search all personnel

7.21.2019 K-9 Empire Ranch (subject to change)

7.27.2019 K-9 Hwy 90 E of San Pedro Bridge N Side of Rd

July 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

August 2019

Su	Mo	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Training Schedule August

8.1.2019 Training and Meeting SEACOM 1730 hrs

8.3.2019 Tech W Stronghold

8.4.2019 K-9 Charleston N Side

8.10.2019 Wilderness 1st Aid

8.17.& 18 2019 Basic SAR Academy Mandatory for all new personnel

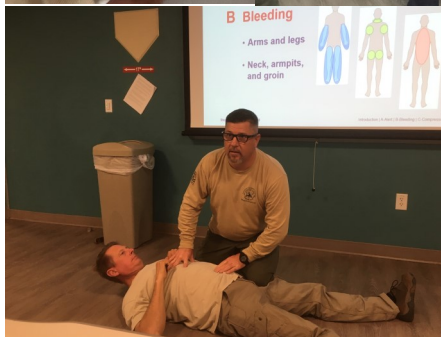
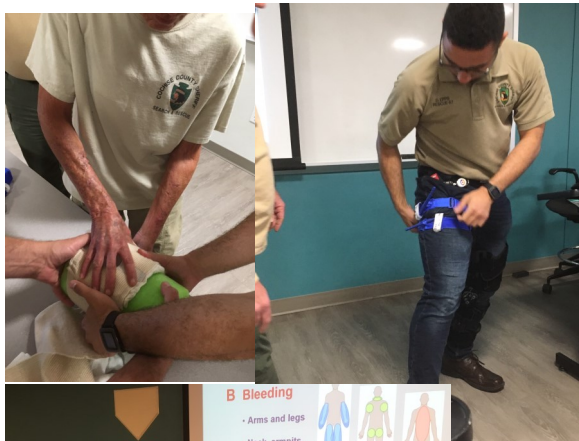
8.24.2019 K-9 Hwy 90 N Side of Rd East of Bridge

8.31.2019 K-9 Paloma Trail Head

(All K-9 training dates and location are subject to change)

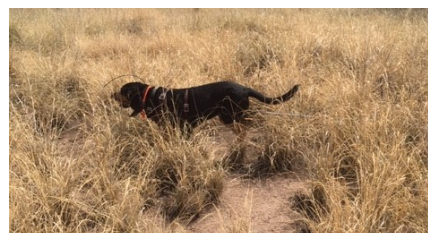
7.20.2019 1st Aid Training

We really had some AI` instructions for our wilderness first aid class. From theory to practical applications, we were able to practice what was taught. From patient assessment, to wound care and evacuation everything was covered.



7.21.2019 K-9 Training Empire Ranch

This weekend the K-9 group conducted a combined training at Empire Ranch involving Pima and Pinal County. We had a really good turnout and extra trail layers, exposing the dogs to different scents. It was an excellent training with a lot of learning and exposure to different things, not to mention the outstanding lunch.



7.21.2019 Rescue Coronado Cave

David paged the team for this mission around 1730 hours and cancelled around 1811 hours. Not too many made it out the door en-route to the cave. Apparently the subject sustained a broken ankle and made it out to the parking lot.

7.18.2019 Rescue Cascabell



Cochise County Sheriff's Office Search & Rescue

Posted by David Noland

Yesterday at 9:51 PM · 🌐

Today at 1130 hrs Cochise SAR was notified of a PLB (Personal Locator Beacon) activation in an area northeast of Cascabel. Further information received determined a 63 year old female had been thrown from a horse and was injured. It as also reported to be in a narrow canyon east of Cascabel Road. CochiseSAR and AZDPS Tucson Ranger responded to the coordinates of the PLB activation. The female was packaged on a backboard and was carried to the helicopter. She was then flown to University Medical Center in Tucson and treated for her injuries. Good work CCSOSAR!

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Photos courtesy of Angie R46

2019 Fiscal Years Statistics

We finished putting together our last fiscal year statistics. These are from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

Total missions: 190

Of the 190 missions, 120 were training missions. A majority of the training was K9 while they were preparing to certify eight K9's.

68 rescue and search missions, 92 subjects were found or rescued and saved the lives of 33 people. 6 of the missions were related to Undocumented Illegal Aliens. Various helicopters flew for 93 flight hours for missions. Mainly the CCSO "Geronimo" helicopter and AZDPS Air Rescue flew these missions.

The most important stat is our volunteers, who put in 6,872 hours training and responding to actual missions. If you had to pay employees to do this job it would cost @ \$20.00 an hour \$137,440. We could not do search and rescue without our dedicated volunteers.

They also drove their personal vehicles to training and missions for a total 54,557 miles.

The Sheriff's Office SAR Coordinators worked 1,295 hours during training and missions.

Way to go Cochise SAR!!

Suzi Quintana Archuleta

I know that many hours have been put towards the search for our son, Dylan Archuleta. Even though his body has not been recovered, we are so very grateful for all of the people that have taken part in the search. Thank you and God Bless all of you for your time and efforts. We so appreciate your organization, as well as all of the others that have continued to search since his accident on March 3rd.

♥ Suzi & Matt Archuleta

Hi there- I'm the 63 year old woman who got rescued. You all are the best! I'm in the hospital now with three broken bones, and I'll be transferred to a rehab facility soon. You know what? I had total confidence the whole time that a helicopter would come, that I would be taken to a hospital, and all would be well. My confidence was clearly well-placed. While I do


recommend that people who go horseback riding actually stay on their horses, it is wonderful to know that, when an accident happens, there are people who care enough to step in and help. Thank you for everything. The horse did not run off; she seems to be okay but, it is true, I haven't seen her since the accident. The truth is that she is a super great horse.

We could not do this job without the dedication of our volunteers!

CONTROL OFFICER CHECKLIST

LOW DIRECTIONAL

NOTE: TSO has passed control to the CONTROL OFFICER

 **SINGLE, LONG WHISTLE BLAST**
"OPERATIONS ARE ABOUT TO BEGIN—ALL PERSONNEL TAKE YOUR POSITIONS—QUIET PLEASE"

"SAFETY, ALL SYSTEMS CHECKED?"

"Systems checked—ready for operation"

"MAIN LINE?"

"MAIN LINE, ready!"

"BELAY LINE?"

"BELAY, ready!"

"ATTENDANT?"

"ATTENDANT, ready!"

"EDGE?"

"EDGE, ready!"

>>>Any station not ready should reply "STAND BY".
CONTROL should inquire "WHY STAND BY?"<<<

AFTER ALL STATIONS ARE READY

"BELAY ON?"

"On belay!"

"MAINLINE—TAKE UP SLACK—LOAD & LOCK—
—ADVISE WHEN READY"

"MAIN LINE loaded and locked!"

"MAIN LINE—HOW MANY BARS?" (if lowering)

"MAIN LINE, (reply number of bars)"

"ATTENDANT—MOVE INTO THE HAZARD ZONE"




"ATTENDANT in position"

"ATTENDANT—LOAD THE SYSTEM—ADVISE WHEN
READY"

"System loaded!"

"ATTENDANT—READY FOR DOWN?"


"ATTENDANT ready!"

   **THREE SHORT WHISTLE BLASTS**

"MAIN LINE—DOWN ROPE?"

"MAIN LINE—down rope!"

>>>"HALF SPEED"—slower "DOWN, DOWN"—faster<<<

 **SINGLE WHISTLE BLAST**



"STOP!"

"MAIN LINE stop!"

>>>If stop is called by person other than CONTROL, CONTROL repeats "STOP" and then may ask "WHY STOP?". Station requesting stop should indicate reason for stop<<<

"MAIN LINE—RIG FOR RAISE—ADVISE WHEN
READY!"


"MAIN LINE rigged for raise!"

  **TWO SHORT WHISTLE BLASTS**

"MAIN LINE—UP ROPE!"

"MAIN LINE up rope!"

>>>When evolution is complete, and personnel on the MAIN LINE are no longer exposed to fall hazard<<<


 **SINGLE LONG WHISTLE BLAST**

"STOP—ALL STOP!"

"MAIN LINE all stop!"

HIGH DIRECTIONAL

NOTE: TSO has passed control to the CONTROL OFFICER

 **SINGLE, LONG WHISTLE BLAST**
"OPERATIONS ARE STARTING—ALL PERSONNEL
TAKE YOUR POSITIONS—QUIET PLEASE"

"SAFETY, ALL SYSTEMS CHECKED?"

"Systems checked—ready for operation"

"MAIN LINE READY—ONE BAR?"

"MAIN LINE, ready—ONE BAR!"

"BELAY LINE?"

"BELAY, ready!"

"ATTENDANT?"

"ATTENDANT, ready!"

"EDGE?"

"EDGE, ready!"

"VECTOR TEAM?" (If needed)

"VECTOR TEAM, ready!"

>>>Any station not ready should reply "STAND BY".
CONTROL should inquire "WHY STAND BY?"<<<

AFTER ALL STATIONS ARE READY

"BELAY ON?"

"ON BELAY!"

"ATTENDANT—MOVE INTO THE HAZARD ZONE"

"ATTENDANT in position" (yoke as close as possible to HD)

"MAINLINE—TAKE UP SLACK—LOAD & LOCK—
—ADVISE WHEN READY"

"MAIN LINE loaded and locked!"

"MAIN LINE—HOW MANY BARS?" (if lowering)

"MAIN LINE, (reply number of bars)"

"VECTOR TEAM—VECTOR UP"

"VECTOR TEAM vectoring up!"

"ATTENDANT—LOAD THE SYSTEM—IN POSITION"




"ATTENDANT in position"

"ATTENDANT—READY FOR DOWN?"

"ATTENDANT ready!"


"VECTOR TEAM—VECTOR DOWN"

"VECTOR TEAM vectoring down!"

   **THREE SHORT WHISTLE BLASTS**

"MAIN LINE—DOWN ROPE?"

"MAIN LINE—down rope!"



 **SINGLE WHISTLE BLAST**

"STOP!" (see dialog box at left for more discussion)

"MAIN LINE stop!"

"MAIN LINE—RIG FOR RAISE—ADVISE WHEN
READY!"


"MAIN LINE rigged for raise!" (After ready only)

  **TWO SHORT WHISTLE BLASTS**

"MAIN LINE—UP ROPE!"

"MAIN LINE up rope!"

>>>When evolution is complete, and personnel on the MAIN LINE are no longer exposed to fall hazard<<<

 **SINGLE LONG WHISTLE BLAST**

"STOP—ALL STOP!"

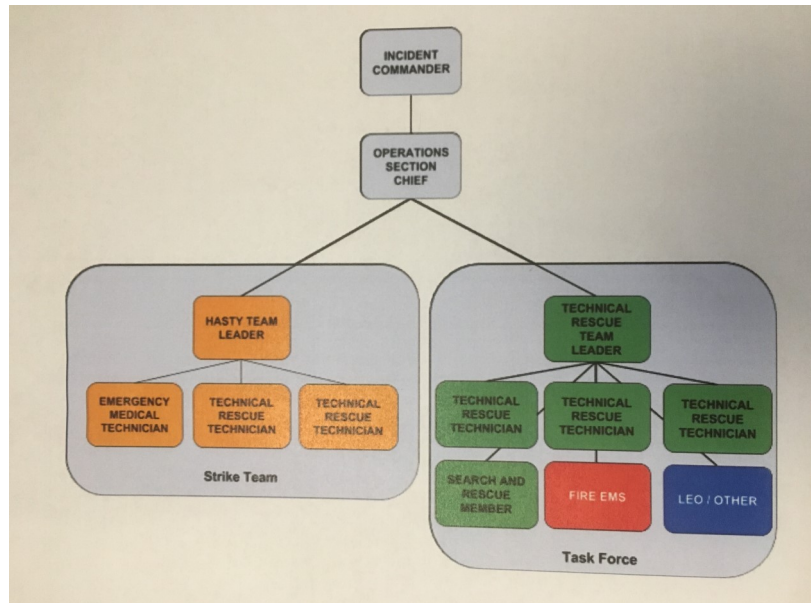
"MAIN LINE all stop!"

BRIEFS

During the meeting Eric S7 spoke about some new implementations we are going to incorporate and or re-establish. Everyone should carry a whistle and be familiar with whistle commands Depending on the situation voice commands and or radios will not work, but a whistle you will hear.

We are all guilty of it—side conversations. We have to remember they are disturbing to others, they want to learn, especially if they are not topic related. We all have to stay focused and these side bars sure take their toll. It come down to “shut up and focus”.

Whether it is training or a mission, we will adhere to ICS. Remember smooth is fast. The diagram on the right shows the technical aspect of ICS, the search aspect is not any different. Everyone should wait at the staging area and get ready. Assigned team leaders will get their team together and they will then be briefed on the plan. This include the completion of a 214 and 204.



7.28.2019 Busy back to back

This was a busy Saturday Sunday. The missions could not have been farther part than this. From Ash Canyon to Barfoot. No matter how you slice it, it is a long haul, especially driving up Pinery Canyon Rd. Even from Portal it is quite the trip.

